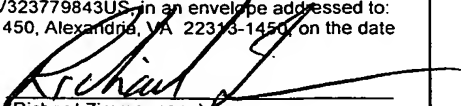


I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail, Airbill No. EV323779843US, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

Dated: March 31, 2004

Signature:


(Richard Zimmermann)

Docket No.: 29764/39531
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Michael Ruffalo

Application No.: Not Yet Assigned

Confirmation No.:

Filed: Concurrently Herewith

Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

For: BURNER ASSEMBLY WITH GATE VALVE
DAMPER

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement accompanies the new patent application submitted herewith.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure statement shall not be construed to be an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to therein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

Application No.: Not Yet Assigned

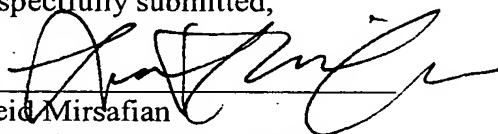
Docket No.: 29764/39374

It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 29764/39374. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Dated: March 31, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

By 
Saeid Mirsafian

Registration No.: 52,035

MARSHALL, GERSTEIN & BORUN LLP

233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 6300

Sears Tower

Chicago, Illinois 60606-6357

(312) 474-6300

Attorney for Applicant

Form PTO-1449 (Modified)

Atty. Docket No.

29764/39531

Serial No.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant(s)

Michael Ruffalo

Filing Date

Art Unit

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Document Number	Issue or Publication Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date (If Appropriate)
	6,544,031	04-08-2003	Ceji Li	431	266	12-20-2001
	6,485,293	11-26-2002	Ceji Li	431	266	08-02-2000
	6,267,586	07-31-2001	Richard Maricic	431	354	05-05-2000
	6,050,809	04-18-2000	Matvey Fayerman	431	114	09-23-1997
	5,975,887	11-02-1999	Azfar Kamal	431	181	11-23-1998
	5,934,898	08-10-1999	Matvey Fayerman	431	353	08-23-1997
	5,899,680	05-04-1999	Toru Motegi	431	8	11-14-1996
	5,863,192	01-26-1999	Toru Motegi	431	8	04-16-1996
	5,494,437	02-27-1996	Norikazu Kubota	431	181	08-09-1993

EXAMINER:

DATE CONSIDERED: